

able us to do so. At present the *Caroline*, the *Indomitable*, and the *Ruby* are undergoing repairs. The *Caroline* and the *Raleigh* are ready to be commissioned. The armoured clads *Iron Duke*, *Triumph*, *Devastation*, and *Rupert*, with the despatch vessels *Mercury* and *Cordelia*, and the corvettes *Active* and *Volage*, would have to be manned. But how? Where are we to get men? And who will be able and fit to task to man these few ships? All at once in what position would England be if the enemy required every available ship in the Navy? List to be forthcoming with commission?—*Army and Navy Gazette.*

THE SHANGHAI AGITATION IN ENGLAND.

The following letter has been addressed to the Press in England:

Sir.—Enclosed I beg to fax you copy of a telegram which I have received this morning from the Chairman of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, dated Shanghai, Sept. 11, 3.40 a.m. I am enlisting the cooperation of the most influential of the Chambers of Commerce in England and on the Continent, and am appealing to the Foreign Office to take the view of the Shanghai Chamber and to insist of concurrence with the other Powers, the interests of the European subjects in this important international settlement. You will readily appreciate from this telegram how seriously British subjects are being jeopardized at this moment in China, and how necessary it is that action of some sort should be taken without loss of time.—I am sure that the Foreign Office will do all it can for the London Committee of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, 122, London, hall-street, London, E.C., Sept. 11.

(Copy of telegram referred to.) Threatened blocking river by Chinese excites London. The Chinese have advanced Chinese and British forces to prevent also suggesting making Shanghai a neutral port.—Request London Committee Shanghai Chamber to do everything in support.

YOKOHAMA.

The German steamer *Mercur*, which capsized in the bay of 15th September, has at last been raised, and is now in port.

Fire broke out about a quarter past four am on the 9th October, in a seed oil pressing works, at Tobonchi. There was little or no wind, so that the flames did not extend beyond the buildings in which it originated. The oil works were completely destroyed and one or two small dwellings in its immediate vicinity were also gutted by fire.

Chinese fire chief, *Yen*, was sent to the scene, and to the chief of the fire brigade of the *Yokohama* Fire Insurance Co., to do everything in support.

Mr. Gladstone, after having made a series of speeches on the home and foreign policy of the Government, has not returned to Hawarden.

BRITISH REVENUE RETURNS.

London, 2nd October. The revenue returns for the quarter ended September amount to £17,652,500, showing a decrease of £3,250 compared with the same period last year.

CHINA IN JAPONE.

The latest particulars regarding cholera on the Continent state that it is increasing in Gance, where 50 cases occurred yesterday; the mortality at Nipon from that cause is 50 daily; the re-appearance at Toulon turns out to be of a slight character. In Spain the disease remains stationary and the mortality caused by it is moderate.

LONDON, 2nd October.

The latest news of cholera in Italy states that it is slightly on the decrease. The returns of mortality from the epidemic in Naples and Genoa show an average of fifty daily.

BRILLIANT VICTORIES BY GENERAL GORDON.

Cairo, 2nd September.

A messenger from Gordon, General has arrived at Ambush, and reports that the besiegers are withdrawing from Khartoum and that ample supplies are coming in. General Gordon has dispatched steamer to relieve Sennar, and upon their return he will sail—*to Barber* to meet the British expedition. Lord Wolseley starts next Saturday.

LONDON, 2nd September.

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THE NILE EXPEDITION.

LONDON, 2nd September. The troops sent off to form a camel corps will embark for Egypt from Portsmouth on the 26th instant.

The second batch of boats for the expedition have been dispatched.

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CAIRO, 2nd October. Lord Wolseley and staff arrived at Assuan to-day.

LOD NORTHBROOK'S MISTRESS.

Cairo, 2nd October. Lord Northbrook is expected to finish his mission and return home by the end of October.

THE AFGHAN BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

TEHERAN, 23rd September. Sir Peter Lawrence has had an audience of the Shah, and expressed his readiness to assist the Afghan Boundary Commission.

DEATH OF AN INDIAN PRINCE.

LONDON, 23rd September. Prince Jiwat Buluk, the last of the Monguls who has been a State prisoner in Burma since the suppression of the mutiny, died suddenly yesterday morning at Moulinneuk, which he had gone for the benefit of his health.

GENERAL ATTENTION REQUIRED.

Madras, 27th September.

A telegram from Madras report a serious outbreak in the city jails. The royal troops at Madras and elsewhere were killed in cold blood over 300 convicts. A general insurrection is expected.

The Madras Prince is still at Pondicherry.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

FRIDAY, 12th October.

EXTRA CARGO.

For steamer City of Rio de Janeiro, sailed on the 14th October. For Yokohama—7,898 bags sugar, and 150 packages tea, 30 bags silk, 105 beans, 200 bags coffee, 45 cases silk goods, 477 boxes not oil, 614 boxes jute, 500 hats hemp, 17 boxes gunny cloth, 6 boxes prepared opium, 111 packages tea, and 3,365 packages merchandise. For Victoria—2,222 chests crude opium, and 21 boxes tea. For Panay—1,350 bags rice, 200 bags rice, 375 packages merchandise, 4 cases silk, 2 cases crude opium. For Callao—13 cases silk, and 1 case merchandise. For Chicago—1,733 packages tea. For New York—3 cases straw hats, 182 packages tea, 86 bags raw silk, 6 cases raw silk, 20 cases silk goods.

OPTIMUM.

Quotations are—
Mawa (New) 35.50 per pound, also of 14.40.

Mawa (Old) 55.50 per pound, also of 14.40.

Accumulated Trade 211,379.34.

Surcharges on all liabilities—
Pataca (New) 35.57 per pound.

Pataca (Old) 55.50 to 55.51.

Bonares (New) 53.74.

EXCHANGE.

On LONDON.—Bank Bills, on demand 3.84.

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3.84.

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3.84.

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3.84.

On PARIS.—Bank Bills, on demand 4.62.

Credits, at 4 months' sight 4.72.

On BOMBAY.—Bank 3 days' sight 2.26.

On CALCUTTA.—Bank 3 days' sight 2.26.

On CHINCHENG.—Bank, also—
Bank, 3 days' sight 7.34.

Private, 30 days' sight 7.42.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—103 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—
250 per share.China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—
300 per share.

North China Insurance—Tis. 1,400 per share.

Yantze Insurance Association—Tis. 141 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company, Limited—180 per share, ex div.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tis. 148 per share.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited—380 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—
330 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—361 per share.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—44 per cent. prem.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—25 per cent. share premium.

Indo-China S.S. Navigation Co.'s Shares—
25 per cent. discount.China and Manile Steamship Company, Limited—
25 per cent. discount.

Douglas Steamship Company, Limited—Par, nominal.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—884 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—3145 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—102 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—
nominal.

Lozon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—371 per share.

Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—8140 per share.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—
3100 per share.Hongkong Mop Manufacturing Company, Li-
mited—360 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—3 per cent. dis-

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Mauna, Pinches & Co's Registers.)

October 12th.

Barometer—10.24.

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